

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**FOR**

**ELBERT PERRY FARM**

**10800 PINEY MEETINGHOUSE ROAD, POTOMAC**

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-25/18

Approximate Building Date: circa 1860

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Potomac

Access: Private

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**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M25-18

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Elbert Perry Farm/Piney Glen

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road    not for publication

city, town Darnestown    vicinity of    congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>vacant</u>

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name AMRESO, Inc. (Contact: Barry Schwartz)

street & number 8300 Greensboro Road. #680 telephone no.: (703)761-8195

city, town McLean state and zip code VA 22102

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 03007

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 0028

city, town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The farm structures consist of a house, an English stabling barn, equipment shed, and corn crib which are arranged in a linear pattern along a gravel driveway on the west side of, and roughly perpendicular to, Piney Meetinghouse Road. Two rows of mature trees extending from the house toward Piney Meetinghouse run parallel to and north of the drive. The natural setting of these resource, which retains its rural character in spite of the encroachment of new residential development on the north, is important to the integrity of the farmhouse and its outbuildings.

### House:

The Perry Farmhouse faces east toward Piney Meetinghouse Road. The two and a half story structure consists of a three by two bay, side gable main block with a two-part rear section extending from the north end of the main block's rear facade, whose gable roof ridge is perpendicular to the main block. The rear section consists of a two and a half story, two by one bay rear ell, and a one by one bay addition with lower two story roof.

This frame house is covered with asbestos siding over clapboard. Roofs are standing seam metal. The foundation of the main block is stone, while foundations of the front porch and rear addition are concrete-block. Since the building is vacant, windows are boarded over.

The main block, erected c.1860, has a center cross gable with cornice returns which echo those found on each gable end. A wide fascia extending beneath the eaves is found on the main block and rear additions. An internal ridge chimney is located at the south gable end of the main block, while only a small portion remains of what was probably a similar chimney at the north gable end.

The main (east) facade of the main block is dominated by a one story, full-width porch with a hip roof covered in patterned metal. The porch is supported by turned posts with decorative brackets. The central doorway, covered with plywood, contains no visible architectural details. Window openings in each of the five remaining bays

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have simple wooden frames with sills. The center gable contains a small diamond-shaped window opening with right angles.

On the south gable end are single, off-center windows on both levels, and a ground-level entrance to a cellar. All openings are on the west side of this facade.

The north facades of the main block and the rear ell form a continuous four bay surface. Bays 1 and 2 are sheltered by the main block's gable end and Bays 3 and 4 are located in the rear ell. On the first level, Bays 1, 2, and 3 contain window openings similar to those found on the front facade. Bay 4 contains a door opening. On the second level, Bays 1 and 2 contain similar window openings as on the first level, while Bays 3 and 4 have smaller openings. The north facade of the rear addition is set back from the left of the north elevation. One small window on each level do not line up horizontally with the other four bays. An interior chimney is located on the ridge above the entrance bay.

On the south elevation, a one story, shed roof porch, supported by slender square posts, is located in the ell formed by the rear section and the main block. The center bay is enclosed and has a centered diamond-shaped window opening. Openings are located on either side of this enclosure, with three concrete steps to the porch at each entrance. There is also an entrance from the rear of the main block, at the southeast corner of the ell.

The west gable end of the rear addition has a return cornice and a single window on the first story.

Alterations:

Original wood siding is covered with asbestos. Most of the original railing and spindlework frieze on the front porch is missing. A portico or door hood was removed from the north entrance.

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Outbuildings:

To the rear (west) of the farmhouse is a complex of outbuildings arranged in a line formed by the driveway. Closest to the house and facing south is a one and a half story, front gable equipment shed which has a standing seam, metal roof and is covered with vertical plank siding. The building was constructed between c1901 and 1927. A long, open, shed roof extension to the east is supported by simple square posts.

Immediately west of its is another one and a half story, front gable corncrib which is covered with board-and-batten siding and has a standing seam metal roof. The corn crib, or corn house as it was described in 1927, is built on a series of stone pieces the width of the structure. The southeast cornerstone bears the construction date of 1901. The corn crib is older than the equipment shed. At the first level, there is a wagon entrance in the west-most bay and two smaller people-size entrances in the east-most bay, with access to the latter from a small, raised, concrete platform. A hinged door of vertical boards is located in the gable end.

To the west of these outbuildings is a large, five bay, side gable stabling barn with standing seam metal roof, and board-and-batten siding. Repairs on the exterior siding indicate numerous changes to window & door openings. Most windows and doors not original to structure of the barn interior has been dramatically remodeled. The south gable-end of the barn has a one story, shed roof addition with an open wagon entrance in the east elevation.

To the north is a one story, shed roof building sheltered an insulated work room which is attached to the north end of the barn by a side-gable hyphen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c.1860 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

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### Summary:

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The house is believed to have been built by Elbert Perry about 1860. It originally sat on approximately 339 acres which included parts of tracts called "Partnership", "Resurvey on Lost Carter", and "The Dunghill", and was located along Watts Branch. Elbert purchased the land in 1858 from John and Anna Maria Belt for \$3081. He also owned land, by 1865, on Seneca Road, north of James Offutt's place.<sup>1</sup>

Perry's wife, Elizabeth, died in 1880 at the age of 60. The next year, Elbert mortgaged his farm to Josiah W. Jones. In 1887, after defaulting on that mortgage, he was forced to sell.<sup>2</sup>

The sales notice described the farm as being situated on River Road about one and one-half miles from Potomac (adjoining the lands of William Fisher, William Connell and John Creamer) and containing 260 and 1/4 acres. Half was in pine, oak, chestnut, and walnut timber and the rest in farmable land. The improvements to the farm included a good two-story frame dwelling, a stable, granary, carriage house, dairy, and other necessary outbuildings. The farm was sold to Josiah W. Jones for \$1561.50.

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In March of 1888, Josiah and his wife, Mary, sold the house to Henry Borden. Henry also defaulted on the property's mortgage, in 1893. The description of Henry's farm given in the notice of sale was exactly the same as the description of Elbert Perry's (... a good two story frame dwelling house...). The 260 1/4 acre farm was sold to Julian E. Osmond for \$1561.50.

Julian followed in the path of the farm's previous owner, defaulting on his mortgage in 1927. The notice of sale described the property as a 203-acre farm on River Road in Potomac. The farm was improved by a frame dwelling house of eight rooms, a stabling barn, sheds, hay barrack, corn house, granary, carriage house, wagon sheds, garage, machine shop, meat house, chicken house and other outbuildings. The farm was sold to Richard C.D Hunt.

Richard proved to be a rather shady character. He was involved in an equity case with the Bethesda Supply Company, Inc. Evidently, Richard had created false deeds to his property to Sarah Loving and Margaret Hewitt in addition to hiring Emma Carr (of District Title Insurance Company) to create a false lien in order to hinder his debt collectors. However, once the scam was discovered, the 203 acre "Osmond Farm" was sold at a sheriff's sale in 1935 to Inez M. Brown.

In 1953, Inez sold the farm to George P. Plummer. George died in 1977 and, in 1981, the representatives of his estate sold the farm (consisting of 194.1552 acres) to Piney Glen Associates for \$1,594,096.00. The property is now owned by AMRESCO, Inc., and is part of a proposed residential development.

The center cross gable house form was one of the most popular building types in Montgomery County from the mid 19th century to the early 20th century. This particular example, though modest in size, is more sophisticated in its architectural detail than most, exhibiting scrollwork brackets, turned posts, diamond windows, and cornice returns in all four gables.

Of the outbuildings the corn crib is the most interesting, retaining most of its integrity and having an unusual design with access for people and machinery.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached Sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingC 

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clare Lise Cavicchi

organization M-NCPPC date June 1994

street &amp; number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone (301) 495-4570

city or town Silver Spring state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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Summary of Land Record References

1858        Deed JGH 7/194  
1887        Mtg. ESP 241220, Equity #698, JA 6/418;  
1893        Equity #896, JA 12/44  
1927        Equity #4951, PBR 36/15  
1935        Equity #7096  
1953        Deed 1869/458, Mont. Co. Land Records  
1981        Deed 5670/743,

Preservation Planning Data

- a)    Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
- b)    Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- c)    Chronological/Developmental Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- d)    Resource Type: Category; building(s); Historic Environment:  
      rural;  
      Historic Function: farming; Use: private residence

**Endnotes**

<sup>1</sup> Historical information is from Crawford MHT form, 1982, unless otherwise stated. Crawford estimated construction date based on the date that the land was purchased and the fact that the house appears on the county map of 1865. For Seneca Road land, see MHT form for Resource #24/30. Perry's farm mentioned in a description of the Partnership tract in Boyds 1879 **History of Montgomery County**, 41.

<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth Perry is buried at Darnestown Presbyterian Church. Scharf, **History of Western Maryland**, 761.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM

LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M 25/18

PROPERTY NAME: Perry Farm/Piney Glen

TOWN: Potomac

COUNTY: MONTGOMERY

QUADRANGLE: Rockville, MD-VA



Elbert Perry Farm

M. 25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East (View from Driveway)

NEG: MDS HPO

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Elbert Perry Farm

M 25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road

Darnestown, MD 20874 (mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East (main)

NEG:MD SHPO

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Elbert Perry Farm

M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road

Darnestown, MD 20844 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

South (left) East (right)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Elbert Perry Farm

M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

South (Rear Wing)

NE6: MD SHPO

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Elbert Perry Farm

M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road

Darvertown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L. Snyderman

11/93

South (right) & West (left)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Elbert Perry Farm

M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Rd

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L Snyderman

11/93

North

NEG: MD SHPD

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Elbert Perry Farm

M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road

Darnestown, MD 20894 (Mont. Cty.)

L. Snyderman

11/93

West (view from front of house)

NE6: MD SHPO

7/13

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Elbert Perry Farm (Outbuildings)

M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

South (right) & East (Left) (Directions  
outblows facing)

NEG: MD SHPO

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Elbert Perry Farm (Outbuildings - Barn & Sheds)

M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Rd

Darrentown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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Elbert Perry Farm (Outbuilding - Barn)

M-25/18

10800 Pinay Meetinghouse Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L. Snyderman

11/93

South (left) + East (right)

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Elbert Perry Farm (Outbuildings)  
M-25/18

10800 Piney Meetinghouse Road

Darnestown, MD 20874 (Mont. Co.)

L Snyderman

South

CORNHOUSE (LEFT), EQUIPMENT BARN (RT)

NEG: MD SHPO

11/6/13

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ELBERT POERY FARM

M-25)18

10800 PINEY MEETING+HOWE RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONT CO)

CLARE LISE CAVICCHI

6/94

CORN HOUSE

NORTH

NEG. MD SHPO

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ELBERT PERRY FARM

M-25/18

10800 PINEY MEETING HOUSE RD

DARNESTOWN MD (MONT CO)

CLARE LISE CANICCHI

6/94

CORN HOUSE

NORTH (RT) + EAST (LEFT)

NEG: MD SHS

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telephone no.:

city, town Rockville

state and zip code Maryland, 20852

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pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

M:25-18

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure with a three bay, main (east) facade with central doorway. There is a central facade gable. The chimneys are internal at either gable end. A one story porch has bracketed posts.</p> <p>There are several barns near the house.</p>	

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Richard proved to be a rather shady character. He was involved in an equity case with the Bethesda Supply Co., Inc. Evidently, Richard had created false deeds to his property to Sarah Loving and Margaret Hewitt in addition to hiring Emma Carr (of District Title Insurance Co.) to create a false lien in order to hinder his debt collectors. However, he was found out and the 203 acre "Osmond Farm" was sold at a sheriff's sale in 1935 to Inez M. Brown.<sup>7</sup>

In 1953, Inez sold the farm to George P. Plummer.<sup>8</sup> George died in 1977 and then in 1981 the representatives of his estate sold the farm to the present owner, Piney Glen Assoc. The farm, now consisting of 194.1552 acres, sold for \$1,594,096.00.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the date that the land was purchased and the fact that the house appears on the county map of 1865.

<sup>2</sup>Deed JGH 7/194, Mont. Co.Land Records.

<sup>3</sup>MTG. EBP 24/220, " "

<sup>4</sup>Equity #698, JA6/418, Mont.Co. Judgement Records.

<sup>5</sup>Equity #896, JA 12/44, " "

<sup>6</sup>Equity #4951, PBR 36/15 " "

<sup>7</sup>Equity #7086

<sup>8</sup>Deed 1869/458, Mont. Co.Land Records.

<sup>9</sup>Deed 5670/743, " "

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:25-18

Mont. Co. Land Records  
Mont. Co. Judgement Records

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 194.1152 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization M.C. Hist. Preservation Comm.date 10/82

street &amp; number

telephone

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Elbert Perry House					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 11001 Piney Meetinghouse Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments: _____					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: George P. Plummer					
STREET AND NUMBER: 11001 Piney Meetinghouse Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a three bay, main (east) facade with central doorway. There is a central facade gable. The chimneys are internal at either gable end. A one story porch has bracketed posts.

There are several barns near the house.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |                                      |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
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NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Sr. Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 28 Feb 75
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_